

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being transmitted via the Office electronic filing system in accordance with § 1.6(a)(4).

Dated: August 12, 2008

Signature: Jeanne M. Brashear/56.301  
(Jeanne M. Brashear)

Docket No.: 31265/5877A  
(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Xin Lu et al.

Application No.: 10/581,569

Confirmation No.: 3614

Filed: January 16, 2007

Art Unit: 1633

For: SCREENING ASSAY AND TREATMENT

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.